

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 688

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to recognize Chattanooga upon being selected to host the 2014 U.S. IRONMAN® Series.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for this General Assembly to pause in its deliberations to recognize those communities who have been selected to host elite competitions; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga, Tennessee is one such community which has been selected to host the eleventh race in the 2014 U.S. IRONMAN® Series; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious, sold-out event is the first IRONMAN® event held in Tennessee, and IRONMAN® Chattanooga will be the first qualifying event for fifty age group slots to the 2015 IRONMAN® World Championship; and

WHEREAS, the full IRONMAN® triathlon consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run that will be conducted over seventeen hours of competition; and

WHEREAS, the IRONMAN® event will last five years and approximately 3,000 athletes will travel the globe participating in these events with over 12,000 people attending the event to cheer on their favorite athletes; and

WHEREAS, the iconic IRONMAN® Series of events is the largest participation-sports platform in the world and since its inception in 1978, the athletes who have participated have proved that anything is possible by crossing finish lines at the world's most challenging endurance races; and

WHEREAS, Chattanooga playing host to such an illustrious race will become part of the global sensation that is recognized for excellence through distinguished events, world-class elite athletes, and quality products; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Chattanooga, Tennessee upon its selection as a host of the IRONMAN® Series and extend our best wishes for an outstanding competition and highly successful event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.